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FOLLOWING IS VALLETTA'S REPORT FOR FEBURARY:

1. INFORMATION ACTIVITIES

PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS:

VALLETTA PLACED FOLLOWING WIRELESS FILE ARTICLES: "KISSINGER - LDCS
HAVE NOT PURSUED THEIR REAL INTERESTS", CARRIED "MALTA NEWS" FEBRUARY
4. ABOVE ARTICLE PLUS "KISSINGER ON U.S. TRADE POLICY", CARRIED IN
COMBINATION ON EDITORIAL PAGE "SUNDAY TIMES OF MALTA" FEBURARY 8. "U.S.

SUGGEST WAYS TO DEAL WITH PALESTINIANS' INTERESTS" CARRIED "TIMES OF
MALTA", FEBURARY 2. "U.S. AND SPAIN SIGN NEW FRIENDSHIP AND
COOPERATION
TREATY" ABY MARIE KOENIG AND "TRASCRIPT: KISSING/AREILZA PRESS
CONFERENCE IN MADRID" CARRIED IN COMBINATION ON EDITORIAL PAGE "SUNDAY

TIMES OF MALTA" FEBURARY 1. " SENAT ADOPTS MILITARY ADI BILL WITH
TIGHER CONTROLS" BY WENDY ROSS, CARRIED IN MAJOR PART IN "MALTA
NEWS" OF FEBURARY 26.

"TIMES OF MALTA" AND "MALTA NEWS" USED SEVERAL IPS PHOTO FEATURES.

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IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, MALTESE PRESS GAVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO USIS-SPONSORED PROGRAMS: JOSEPH GOLDYNE ART EXHIBIT OPENING AND SAMUEL BARBER CONCERT; PRODUCTION OF TENNESSEE WILLIAMS' "THE ROSE TATTOO" BY ATTURI THEATRE GROUP; AND USIS; TWO LECTURES AT ROYAL UNIVERSITY BY PROFESSOR KARSON; BOOK PRESENTATION BY AMBASSADOR ROBERT P. SMITH TO EMIGRANTS' COMMISSION; OPENING OF EXHIBITION "USA--200 YEARS" BY PAO BIRN AT ST. ALOYSIUS COLLEGE AND AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL SERIES OF FIVE USIS FILMS TO BEGIN MARCH 5 ON TELEVISION MALTA.

TV AND RADIO

VALLETTA PLACED ONE PART OF "SCIENCE REPORT" ON TV MALTA.

RADIO MALTA CARRIED USIS-FUNISHED PROGRAMS: "AMERICAN SCENE", "NEW YORK, NEW YORK", "NOW MUSIC, USA", "COUNTRY MUSIC USA", AND "THE CONCERT HALL".

FILM PROGRAMMING

SEVERAL USIS FILMS WERE PROGRAMMED BY POLITICAL PARTY CLUBS, YOUTH GROUPS, SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

EXHIBITS

JOSEPH GOLDYNE EXHIBIT WAS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS AND RECEIVED VERY FAVORABLE PRESS NOTICES; PAO RICHARD BIRN OPENED AN EXHIBITION, CELEBRATING BICENTENNIAL AT ST. ALOYSIUS COLLEGE. THE EXHIBIT, "USA--200 YEARS", WAS MOUNTED BY THE COLLEGE'S HISTORY STUDENTS WITH USIS-SUPPLIED MATERIAL.

II. CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS

MALTA'S PRESIDENT AND LADY MAMO TOGETHER WITH 430 MEMBERS OF OUR PRIME TARGET AUDIENCE ATTENDED OPENING OF JOSEPH GOLDYNE ART EXHIBIT AND THE PERFORMANCE OF SAMUEL BARBER'S STRING QUARTET OPUS 11. THIS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL USIS CULTURAL PRESENTATION WAS HELD AT THE PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS AND WAS ONE UNCLASSIFIED

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OF HIGHLIGHTS OF MALTA'S CULTURAL SEASON. AMBASSADOR SMITH OPENED THE EXHIBITION.

ATTURI THEATRE GROUP, WITH VALLETTA'S COLLABORATION, PRODUCED TENNESSEE WILLIAMS' "THE ROSE TATTOO" TO PACKED HOUSES ON FEB 19, 20, 21, 22 AND 25 AT THE PHOENICIA PLAYHOUSE THEATER.

SEMINARS, LECTURES, SYMPOSIA

VOLSPKR MARC KARSON PRESENTED TWO LECTURES ENTITLED "THE 1976 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: CANDIDATES AND ISSUES" AND "THE US FEDERAL SYSTEM" TO ACADEMICS AND LAW STUDENTS AT THE ROYAL UNIVERSITY OF MALTA.

THE POST SPONSORED A LECTURE/DEMONSTRATION BY MALTESE COMPOSER CHARLES CAMILLERI AT ST. ALOYSIUS COLLEGE ON THEME "200 YEARS OF AMERICAN MUSIC". THIS FORMED PART OF THE COLLEGE'S ACTIVITIES COMMEMORATING THE BICENTENARY.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

AMBASSADOR ROBERT P. SMITH MADE A MAJOR PRESENTATION OF USIS-SUPPLIED BOOKS TO THE EMIGRANTS' COMMISSION OF MALTA.

III. SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIONAL EVENTS AND TRAVEL

PAO HOSTED RECEPTION FOR CULTURAL AND MEDIA CONTACTS AND DINNER FOR BROADCASTING, PRESS AND UNIVERSITY PERSONALITIES TO MEET WITH AREA DIRECTOR SHIRLEY.

IV. VISITORS

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